THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

Trustees of Shaw University

AND THE

SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST
HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

RALEIGH, N. C., *May 31, 1899.*

DEAR BRETHREN: On this closing day of the fiscal year I herewith submit to you my fifth annual report, which is the 34th since the establishment of the institution. The enrollment of students for the year ended to day is 373, 21 more than last year. The continued low price of cotton and the unusual severity of the past winter have made the year exceedingly hard from a financial standpoint. In all other respects, we have had one of the best years in the history of the institution. In order to settle all obligations, I have been obliged to borrow, in accordance with authority granted me, $225.00. The collections from students near the close of the year were disappointing. There is more than enough due to meet the debt which can be promptly paid during the summer vacation, or at the opening of the new year. On account of the severity of the winter our bill for fuel has been largely in excess of the usual amount. In fact if we had not been obliged to purchase so much additional fuel, no debt would have been incurred.

Many improvements have been made during the year. A beautiful and comfortable assembly room has been fitted up in Estey Hall, and Miss Brown's school-room has also been remodeled and refitted. Estey Hall is now in first class condition. An excellent reading room has been fitted up in Shaw Hall and is supplied with the best daily and weekly papers and monthly magazines. A brick sidewalk has been laid along South Street the entire distance between Wilmington and Blount. I expect that by autumn the city will macadamize South Street along our entire north front, and this will entail expense upon Shaw University of about four hundred dollars. The city has straightened the line along our entire north front, and this has necessitated the re-

building of the fence. The line has also been straightened along Blount Street, and this has compelled us to remove, at considerable expense, several hundred loads of earth and to rebuild at least 450 feet of fence. We are now busily at work remodeling the basement of Shaw Hall, and fitting it up into school rooms, where I expect to open night schools for the men at the beginning of the new school year. I have been absent from Shaw quite a little during the winter raising money for this work. We have not yet enough on hand to carry it all to completion, but I am hoping that the money will be forthcoming from friends so that the work can be accomplished in September. This will not only give us opportunity for our night schools, but the rooms can be used also during the day, and thus meet a long felt want, and obviate the crowding of the last year or two.

There is much that yet remains to be done to put Shaw upon a proper material footing. The laundry must be rebuilt and enlarged, the upper floors of Shaw Hall refitted, and a steam heating and lighting plant put in at the earliest possible moment. The risk from the many stoves and kerosene lights should not be suffered to longer continue. If a fire should break out, especially in the night, it would be attended probably, with a great loss of life. The improvements contemplated in Shaw will include fire escapes, and there should also be an additional fire escape on Estey Hall. A considerable sum should be spent at an early date in the erection of a new hospital and in the remodeling and refitting the Medical and Pharmacy buildings. There are needed both apparatus and laboratory conveniences in literary and professional departments. In connection with the hospital, as I recommended in my last report, there ought to be established, at an early day, a nurses' training school. A building, well equipped for giving instruction in domestic and mechanical science, must soon be erected if we wish to retain the appropriation from the Slater fund. I have called attention previously to this fact, and hope that early action can be taken.

The institution is growing and the members of the faculty in all departments are overworked, and can not be expected to continue long in the performance of their duties without relief. There ought to be two more teachers immediately employed at Shaw proper, and an additional professor in the Medical Department. Where teachers have a class of 40 or more pupils, it is impossible to secure the best results. It must also be borne in mind that in addition to the work of the school rooms there is a great demand upon the nervous and spiritual energy of the teachers outside of school hours. They are all consecrated Christian men and women who are deeply interested in the religious and moral welfare of the students, as well as their intellectual advancement.

Substantial progress is being made with the new course of study in the Theological Department. It is receiving increased confidence from the pastors of the State, and more students are looking to this course than in the past. An additional teacher must be provided at an early date in order that the course of study be properly carried out. I infer that the regular annual appropriation has been made by the trustees of the Slater Fund, as I have heard nothing to the contrary. I must, in this connection, quote from my report of last year relative to the letter from Dr. Curry in which he informed me that the trustees had voted the usual amount. "I would again call your attention to his statement that this appropriation can not continue unless we do more and better work along various industrial lines. He is pleased with the character of what we are doing, but it has not been carried on on such an extended scale as he desires It would be a great blow to the institution should we lose this appropriation." We are in the same condition industrially as we were when I wrote the above words a year ago. Dr. Curry, it is true, a short time ago made his annual visit and was pleased with the general work of the institution, but is not satisfied with the limited character of our industrial work. There ought to be a well equipped indus-

trial department on a larger scale, adequate to meet the needs of our students and the demands of the age.

The year has been characterized by an unusual degree of quiet earnestness on the part of nearly all our students. It was necessary for the good of the institution to send away a few during the early part of the year, and the beneficent results were immediately apparent and continued through the year. The most gratifying feature of this experience was spontaneous approval and commendation on the part of a large majority of the students. There has been an excellent spirit on the part of faculty and students.

I can not close this annual report without calling your attention to the fact that next year will be the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the institution. This must be observed in a way that will influence the community for good and be beneficial to the institution itself. There should be a series of exercises continuing for a week or more, and a meeting of the trustees should be held in the autumn to counsel and plan for this anniversary. Much should be made of such a series of commencement exercises for the growth and future welfare of Shaw. We ought to have one or two men of national repute in statesmanship, and several prominent men of both races from the South and the North to participate in and give character to this anniversary. I believe also that much can be done toward bettering the condition of the institution financially. There ought to be a financial agent put into the field at once in the North looking toward this thirty-fifth anniversary. Later on I shall communicate with the executive board of the Home Mission Society my ideas more in detail relative to our thirty-fifth anniversary and the employing of a financial agent.

I append herewith my financial report that has this day been forwarded to Mr. Frank R. Hathaway, Treasurer.

Medical Department.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$1,186.00
Board	2,823.50
Contributions	365.87
Old accounts	125.43
Slater Fund	1,000.00
J. W. Leonard Fund	175.00
	$5,675.80

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	$148.00
Boarding department	201.67
Repairs	44.79
Special improvements	154.71
James McKee, salary	550.00
A. W. Knox	550.00
K. P. Battle	550.00
W. I. Royster	550.00
R. H. Lewis	275.00
H. K. Miller	275.00
J. M. Pickel	275.00
A. W. Goodwin	550.00
Nurses at hospital	113.00
Paid for students' labor	13.10
Gratuities—rebate in board and tuition	41.50
Material for dissection	55.00
Medicines, drugs, etc., for hospital	100.94
Diplomas, printing, etc	63.75
Traveling expenses	192.51
Surplus	971.83
	$5,675.80

Law Department.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$266.00
Board	467.50
Old accounts	15.00
Contributions	50.00
Deficiency	97.60
	$896.10

EXPENDITURES.

E. A. Johnson, salary	$550.00
R. H. Battle	115.00
For students' labor	123.00
Fuel	81.60
Catalogs, printing, etc	26.50
	$896.10

Pharmacy Department.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$155.00
Board	227.50
Contributions	50.00
Deficiency	329.12
	$761.62

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Simpson, salary	$550.00
Special improvements	57.02
For students' labor	42.00
Fuel	81.60
Catalogs, printing, etc	31.00
	$761.62

Literary Department.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$2,069.99
Board	5,160.48
Contributions	435.23
Old accounts	130.97
All other sources	157.00
Deficiency	770.11
	$8,723.78

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	$342.17
Boarding department	4,930.91
Repairs	894.44
Special improvements	1,020.39
For students' labor	234.25
Salaries	160.00
Gratuities in rebates	181.50
Traveling expenses, catalogs, printing, stationery, etc	960.12
	$8,723.78

Salaries, Literary and Industrial Departments.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation from the American Baptist Home Mission Society	$7,280 00
John F. Slater Fund	1,500.00
Woman's Society, Chicago	680.00
	$9,460 00

EXPENDITURES.

Charles F. Meserve	$2,000 00
N. F. Roberts	650.00
N. C. Bruce	650.00
Amount carried forward	$3,300.00

Amount brought forward	$3,300.00
M. D. Bowen	500.00
C. W Jewett	900.00
A. W. Pegues	800.00
Lizzie B. Gibbs	500.00
Margaret L. Hamilton	400.00
Ella C. Pegues	400.00
Ida J. Brown	450.00
Lovinia A. Haywood	450.00
Charlotte Murray	480.00
Gilbert Tolman	600.00
Emma L. Miller	360.00
May C. Hamilton	320.00
	$9,460.00

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Medical Department	$5,675.80
Law Department	798.50
Pharmacy Department	432.50
Literary Department	7,953.67
Appropriations for salaries	9,460.00
Deficiency	225.00
	$24,545.47

EXPENDITURES.

Medical Department	$4,703.97
Law Department	896.10
Pharmacy Department	761.62
Literary Department	8,723.78
Salaries: Literary, Industrialand Missionary Training Departments	9,460.00
	$24,545.47

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. MESERVE,
President.